

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendment to the claims is respectfully requested prior to an examination by the Examiner.

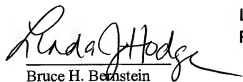
Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 1, 3, and 5-14 will have been canceled, and newly presented claims 15-34 will have been added. Accordingly, claims 15-34 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of claims 15-34 in the present application. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate and proper.

Applicants submit that none of the references of record, considered alone or in any proper combination thereof, anticipate or render obvious Applicants' invention as recited in newly submitted claims 15-34.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and an early indication of the allowance of claims 15-34.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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